



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DRUG/DEVICE/PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

August 6, 2008 --10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Allen Marino, M.D., MWA (Alt. Chairman)
John Higley, EMT-P, MFR
Jennifer Adams, EMT-P, AMR
Ron Tucker, EMT-P, MWA

Brian Rogers, EMT-P, HFD
Troy Tuke, EMT-P, CCFD
Sandy Young, R.N., LVFR

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Henderson, M.D., Chairman
David Slattery, M.D., LVFR
Tien C. Wang, M.D., Sunrise Hospital
Bruce Evans, EMT-P, NLVFD

E.P. Homansky, M.D., AMR
Eric Anderson, M.D. Southern Hills Hospital
David Ladd, University Medical Center
Chief Kevin Nicholson, BCFD

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Joseph J. Heck, D.O., Operational Medical Dir.
Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Regional Trauma Coord.
John Hammond, EMSTS Field Representative
Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

Rory Chetelat, EMSTS Manager
Trish Beckwith, EMSTS Field Representative
Lan Lam, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Steve Patraw, Boundtree
Larry Johnson, EMT-P, MWA/AMR
Jason Meilleur, EMT-P, MWA

Lisa Ponce, EMT-P, AMR
Nicole Brown, EMT-P, MWA
Bob Byrd, EMT-P, AMR

I. CONSENT AGENDA

The Drug/Device/Protocol Committee convened in the Clemens Room of the Ravenholt Public Health Center on Wednesday, August 6, 2008. Chairman Allen Marino, M.D., called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. and the Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Dr. Marino noted that a quorum was present.

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Dr. Marino asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2007 Drug/Device/Protocol Committee meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion of Addition of Spit Sock Hood as an Optional Item to the Official Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance and Firefighting Agency Inventory

Bob Byrd stated that he brought the spit hood to the Committee out of concern over the increased amount of exposure and potential exposure to EMS personnel. He stated that the spit hood is visible to the airway and will improve safety for EMS personnel and may also reduce workman's comp risk. He asked that the spit hood be added to the inventory as an optional item.

Dr. Heck stated that from the Health District's standpoint there is no issue with the device. He felt that the device should be classified as a Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) tool for behavioral emergencies rather than revise the current protocol.

Ms. Young questioned whether the spit hood would be listed as vendor specific on the inventory since Las Vegas Fire & Rescue is already using a similar type hood called the Transport Hood. Dr. Heck suggested it be listed as a "spit sock type hood that has been approved by the Office of EMS & Trauma System (OEMSTS)." Therefore, all proposed makes and models must be pre-approved by the Health District.

A motion was made to add an OEMSTS approved Spit Sock Type Hood to the Official Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance & Firefighting Agency Inventory as an optional item. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

None

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Dr. Marino called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 10:42 a.m.